

# Find it @ your MDT library

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*"In a special library, the librarians have the knowledge that enables them to convert the data in the library into information for the clients. I am always amazed how much topical knowledge special librarians have...."*

Peter Drucker  
-- Economist, author, professor.

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administrator,  
**web designer**,  
engineer, and  
**project manager**  
have in common?

They access  
information and

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Top Ten Reasons to Find it @ your MDT library  
(adapted from the Special Libraries Association)

**10. You will get valuable information to help you make decisions.** Some 80 percent of executives and managers polled in a 2002 survey felt that information provided by libraries helped them choose a course of action.

**9. You will get more accurate information.** Studies and reports show that Internet information isn't always accurate. Your library can help eliminate questions of accuracy or credibility from information found on the Internet.

**8. You will make better decisions.** Nearly 75 percent of executives and managers polled agreed that information from their library helped them avoid making a poor decision.

**7. You will save time.** Another 66 percent of respondents agreed that information supplied by their library helped avoid wasting time.

**6. You will be more productive.** By taking advantage of library services you can focus on your job instead of searching for needed information. It's been estimated that professionals could spend an average of 94 hours each to gather information -- if there were no library. Additionally, frequent library users were found to be more productive than infrequent users.

**5. You will get your work done.** A survey at one company showed that 90 percent of respondents reported that visits to their library were helpful in accomplishing work tasks. Another 40 percent stated they couldn't have done their work without using the library.

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**4. You will do better work.** Several Fortune 100 companies report that more than 50 percent of surveyed employees stated that information provided by their library resulted in improved work.

**3. You might even become a 'fast-tracker.'** One study showed that employees who were recognized as achievers, and were asked to serve on committees or problem-solving teams, used their library more frequently than their counterparts. At one company, 25 employees identified as 'fast-trackers' were found to use the library more frequently than colleagues who don't.

**2. You will contribute to knowledge-sharing within DOT.** Often employees can 'reinvent the wheel' to accomplish tasks or complete projects. By working with library professionals, you can help save time and money so that a colleague needing the same information isn't duplicating efforts.

**1. You will save money.** Studies have proven that funding an organizational library requires roughly one-third of the cost required for professionals to obtain information from other sources.

Sources: "Increasing the Information Edge," Griffiths & King. "The Impact of the Special Library on Corporate Decision-Making," Marshall --Reports from the Special Libraries Association.

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